

# College of Alameda Report

Presented to the Board of Trustees - June 14, 2011

## College of Alameda Learning Communities Initiatives are very active this summer!

### VIOLENCE-PREVENTION INITIATIVE GRADUATES FIRST COHORT

*"All praise goes to the incredible folks at COA and to Sean Heron and our community partners-- all of whom worked really hard to make this happen. What an incredible gathering of people. Let's build on this momentum to create something that will truly transform our community into the peaceful and loving world we yearn for."*

Peace, Nicky (6-10-2011) Nicholas González Yuen, Ph.D, JD)

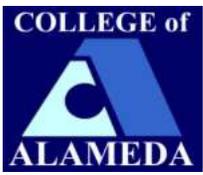


From the Community Development and Leadership Initiative; College of Alameda **graduated its first cohort of 15 students** for the **Violence-Prevention Certificate**. Crystallee Crain, lead Violence Prevention Initiative instructor from the Political Sciences department, presented the students to Vice-president, Dr. Rebecca Kenney, and PCCD Board Trustee, Nicky Gonzalez-Yuen, to receive their Violence Prevention Certificate of Completion. This one-year certificated program is the first of its kind in California. The majority of graduates are from the City of Richmond and City of Oakland where they are employed as counselors, parole officers, law enforcement officials and public policy leaders. In addition, several

graduates previously unemployed are now newly employed with the very organizations they interned with during the learning service component of this two-semester certificate program. With additional skills in grant writing, community leadership, public speaking, collaborative teamwork, and a wealth of experience gained through working with other violence-prevention organizations, our new graduates are able to be of greater service to their local community's needs and hopes. We thank the leadership of our College and the District for their support in this project.

**ACCELERATED CONTEXTUALIZED LEARNING LEADERS** Eight faculty members from the four COA Learning Communities (Amandla, Adelante, APASS, and the Community Development and Leadership Initiative) represented COA - as one of over thirty colleges (including BCC, Merritt, and Laney) -- attending a national conference on "**Accelerated Contextualized Learning**" at Chabot College Last week. We were the only college to develop and present ideas on an integrated learning, accelerated (18 month), AA degree, which includes a totally integrated learning outcomes assessment protocol. This new integrated learning assessment protocol systemically links instruction and students services to classroom pedagogical practices and student success. At the conclusion of College of Alameda's presentation, COA faculty participants felt honored by the enormous interest shown by faculty members attending this workshop from community colleges all over the state.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE** College of Alameda is currently implementing the new Political Science 32 project as part of the new **Community Development and Leadership Initiative**. This initiative was developed to fill a critical gap necessary to supporting our student leaders involved in our College's student government, student clubs and organizations, and our Learning Community students involved with service learning projects. This PolySci project is designed to teach non-profit management and leadership skills to support the creation and sustainability of a robust campus life at College of Alameda. In coordination with the new Campus Life Council (advised by Mustafa Popal of the History Department), the PolySci 32 Project works with the Associated Student Senate, which is mentored by Political Science Department faculty member, Robert Brem. Professor Brem offers ongoing guidance and support that has proven invaluable to the success of this new Initiative. Our College of Alameda student leaders are currently engaged in their summer 2011 Leadership and Basic Governance Skills Training Retreat this week. This project is part of a larger partnership between College of Alameda and CSU East Bay, working together to build a pathway to student success via a succession of courses and certificates that will enable students to seamlessly transfer to degree completions at CSU.



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## Commencement 2011



Guest Speaker - Hon. Thang Nguyen Barrett



COA Graduates



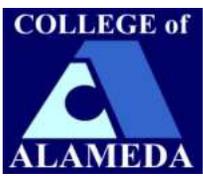
COA Faculty and Staff



COA Classified President - Bala Sampathraj



PCCD Student Trustee - Jurena Storm  
ASCOA President - Jean Washburn



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## C & D Building Update—Steinberg Architects, Main Building

Vice President Kenney met with Chancellor Allen, VC Ikharo, A. Smith, J. Fudge, and Ernie Yamane with Steinberg Architects June 7, 2011. Steinberg presented their final renderings, structural design, square footage, programmatic and office space allocations, and Alameda Island inspired landscape applications to Chancellor Allen, COA C & D Building Project Lead appointed by the President, Vice President Kenney, and attendees. The Chancellor was pleased with the presentation and the finalization of the first phase bridging documents. At conclusion of the meeting, Chancellor requested Steinberg Architects be placed on the Board of Trustees June 28<sup>th</sup> agenda. Vice Chancellor Ikharo will have the item placed on the agenda and lead the presentation with Steinberg Architects.

The building design was 6 months in the development process that included ongoing input from faculty, staff, students, and community members via six open forums and a formalized Steering Committee made up of each constituency on campus. Input and guidance was provided by President Jackson, and enrollment data and guidance provided by Vice President Kenney, Project Lead of the C & D new build.

- The general design of the building includes “nooks” built in throughout the tiered 1 to 3 story structure, allowing for incidental spaces for students, staff, and faculty to sit in conversation
- A small bistro on the first floor will invite interaction and healthy food and beverage offerings
- Glass walls will invite sunlight and add to creative minds on the third floor as well that includes ADAM and Art
- A gallery on the third floor will encourage ADAM and Art showings, as well as a balcony on the East side of the building that will allow for VIP and other such community gatherings
- DSPS will have a central location with great connections built in to main campus, rather than stuck in a dark tunnel (currently)
- Revenue generating opportunities will be built-in including the large tiered room to rent for events, galleries for art showings and community displays, and state of the art technology in every classroom to allow for community, political, and international visitor presentations.

**Currently**, COA has 15 General Ed classrooms that hold 35-45 students: 2 large classrooms holding 60-75 students, and 2 tiered classrooms holding 80 – 100 students.

- **Proposed for General Ed**, New building will have 10 classrooms holding 55 students; and 7 classrooms holding 45 students; and 1 tiered classroom holding 150 students. Two 45-student classrooms will include moveable wall systems allowing the space to expand to hold 90 students to accommodate larger classrooms or events.
- In addition, this new building will include a **shell space** to be fleshed out within 1-3 years after the main building is built. It is hoped to use funds from a new bond slated to be proposed to voters in 2013. Included in the shell is:
  1. **Proposed** General Ed, **growth (new)**, classrooms: 3 classrooms holding 55 students, and 1 tiered classroom holding 125 students
  2. **Proposed** Science classrooms and labs
  3. **Currently** we have 3 BIO labs 35 students, 1 Chemistry Lab holding 35 students & 1 Physics Lab holding 35 students (4 total rooms existing)
  4. **Proposed** Science portion of shell will include 4 Bio labs 55 students; 1 Chemistry lab at 55, 1 Physics Lab at 55, 1 Science Lecture room 55, & 1 Science Computer lab 55 (proposed equals 4 additional rooms)